Hoover's Views on Peking Are Published by Taiwan

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HONG KONG, Aug. 10—Taiwan has drawn on the writings of J. Edgar Hoover to dramatize its warnings that America courts disaster by seeking to improve relations with mainland China.

Subscribers to The Free China Weekly this week received a reprint of a Hoover article titled "Mao's Red Shadows in America" along with their copy of the English-language Taiwan government newspaper.

The FBI director's article says nothing about U.S.-Peking government relations, but warns Americans that "This nation today is the target of a growing Red Chinese espionage campaign . . ."

Hoover's article originally appeared in the June issue of the Veterans of Foreign Wars magazine, well before presidential adviser Henry Kissinger's trip to Peking and the announcement that President Nixon would meet with Chinese Communist leaders before next May.

However, it was published after the April 7 Chinese invitation to the American Ping-Pong team and subsequent invitations to American scholars and journalists.

"All the time, the red wind of espionage from the Far East continues to blow," Hoover wrote. "The FBI's investigation reflects stepped-up intelligence activity by Peking."

He warns that "the shadow of Mao Tse-tung can be seen and felt in the United States today. We can expect the subversive danger to grow as time passes."

The FBI, through investigations and training of personnel is preparing to meet this threat, Hoover says.

"For example, we are giving instruction to FBI agents in the various Chinese dialetcs. In this way, our agents are capable of conversing in the native tongue, and the FBI will be able to handle present and future likely contingencies."

The Taiwan-sponsored reprinting of Hoover's article follows the FBI director's decision earlier not to go ahead with a reprinting and wider distribution of the essay in the United States.

Hoover said last month that he had dropped such plans for budgetry reasons. Other sources in Washington said that the Nixon administration had not wanted the article recirculated while President Nixon was working to improve Sino-American relations.

The Hoover article does not discuss the question of seating Peking at the United Nations, but by charging that Peking is increasing espionage efforts in the United States, it dovetails with the Taiwan government position.

A large part of the Hoover article deals with the threat posed by these American groups and the dangers of "subversive indoctrination of youth" in the United States.